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THERMAL POWER PLANT  
THAI NGUYEN, NORTH VIETNAM  
2136N 10549E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE THAI NGUYEN THERMAL POWER PLANT.

2. LOCATION:

THE PLANT IS LOCATED TWO NM NORTHWEST OF THAI NGUYEN AND THIRTY-SIX NM NORTH OF HA NOI.

3. COLLATERAL:

THE PLANT AREA, EXCEPT FOR THE PUMPING STATION, IS SECURED BY A WALL. THE AREA IS SERVED BY A RAIL SPUR AND IS CONNECTED TO ROUTE 3 BY AN ACCESS ROAD. TRANSMISSION LINES LEAD SOUTH TO THAI NGUYEN AND TO THE THAI NGUYEN IRON AND STEEL COMBINE AT 2133N 10552E [REDACTED]

4. BACKGROUND:

THE APPROXIMATELY 36,000-KILOWATT THERMAL POWER PLANT PRODUCES ABOUT FOURTEEN PERCENT OF NORTH VIETNAM'S NATIONAL CAPACITY AND HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPLE SUPPLIER TO THE THAI NGUYEN IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX. IT IS CONNECTED TO OTHER MAIN PLANTS IN NORTH VIETNAM BY A 110-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH THE HA NOI TRANSFORMER STATION LE PHAP

[REDACTED] LOCATED TEN NM NORTH OF HA NOI.

5. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE THAI NGUYEN THERMAL POWER

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PLANT TO CONTAIN A BOILER HOUSE; A GENERATOR HALL; A SUBSTATION AREA WITH A TRANSFORMER YARD AND A POSSIBLE SWITCHING HOUSE, WHICH APPEARS TO BE PARTIALLY DETERIORATED OR UNDER REPAIR; A PUMPING STATION AND WATER TREATMENT PLANT ON THE SONG CAU (RIVER); A COAL STORAGE AND TREATMENT AREA WITH A COAL UNLOADING AND TREATMENT HOUSE, COAL PREPARATION HOUSE, AND A COAL STOCKPILE AREA; TWO ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS; AND AT LEAST SIX SMALL SUPPORT/STORAGE BUILDINGS. FIVE POL TANKS ARE ALSO OBSERVED LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER AND ARE PROBABLY INTENDED FOR EMERGENCY USE SHOULD THE COAL SUPPLY BE AFFECTED.

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AN ABSENCE OF SMOKE MAY BE INDICATIVE THAT THE PLANT IS NOT OPERATING.



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